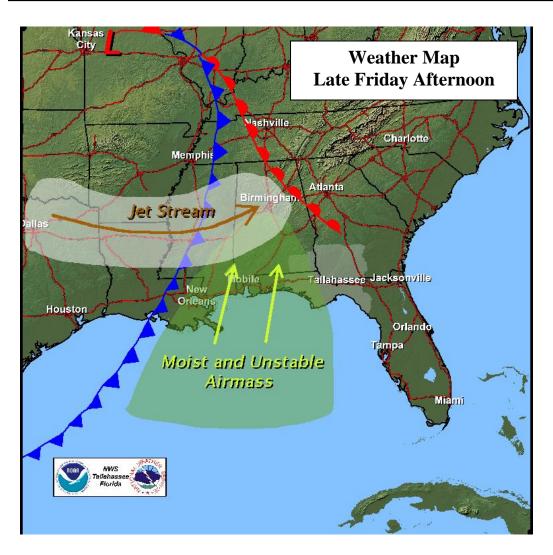


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 Severe Thunderstorms Possible this Evening into Saturday morning

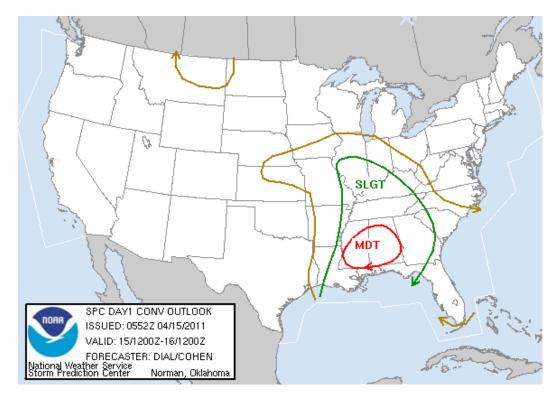


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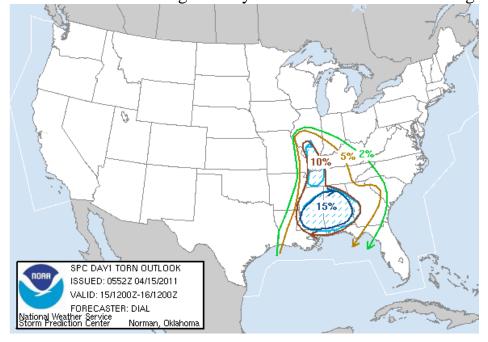
A potent storm system over the Central Plains will slide east today and push a cold front across the Mississippi River into the Southeastern states tonight. As this system moves eastward, a warm and moist airmass will lift northward across the Central Gulf Coast states. As this system combines with a potent upper level jet stream, wind shear will increase across the Southern United States and create an environment favorable for the rapid development of strong to

severe thunderstorms across the Southeast on this afternoon and evening.

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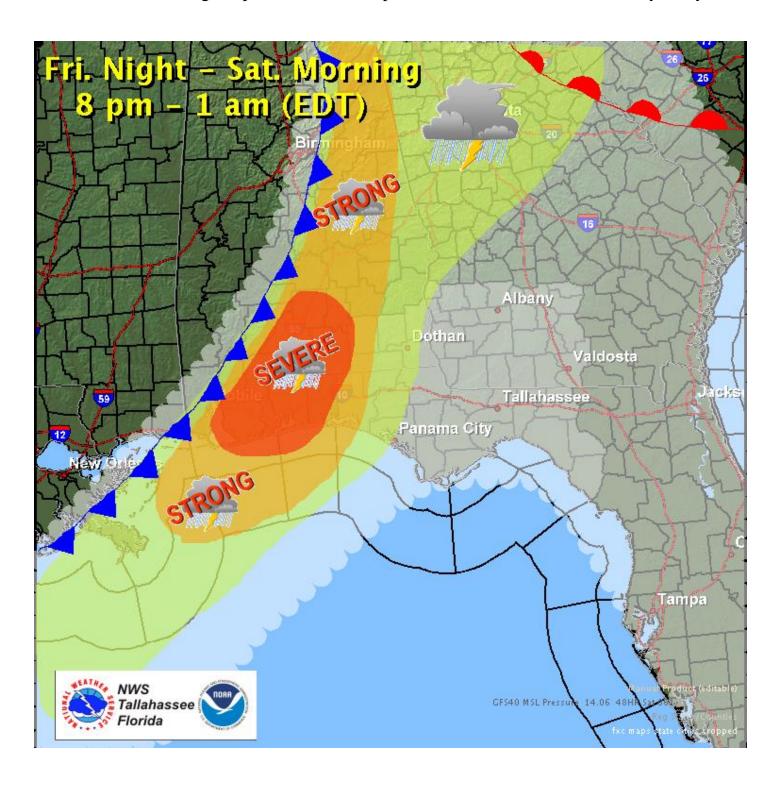
Due to the combination of strong wind shear and increasing instability, the severe potential for tonight into Saturday is elevated. Most of our region is included in a slight risk for severe weather, with Southeast Alabama included in a **Moderate** risk. The greatest potential for severe weather will be across our western areas, primarily west of a line from Albany to Tallahassee. In addition, the potential for Supercells across South Alabama this evening enhances the risk of tornadoes for this region. An isolated strong tornado cannot be ruled out. The greatest threat for tornadoes is designated by the blue hatched area in the graphic below.



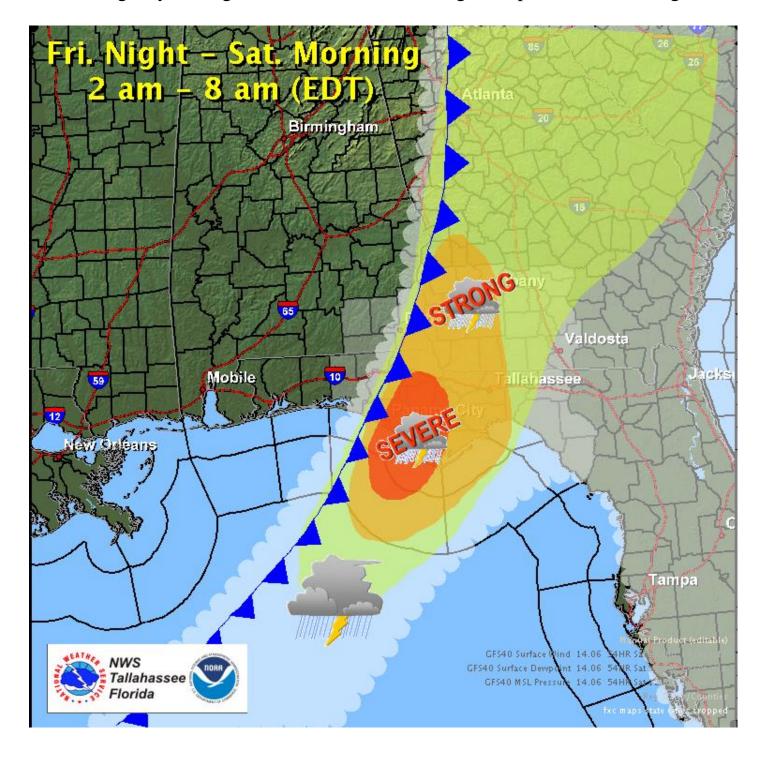
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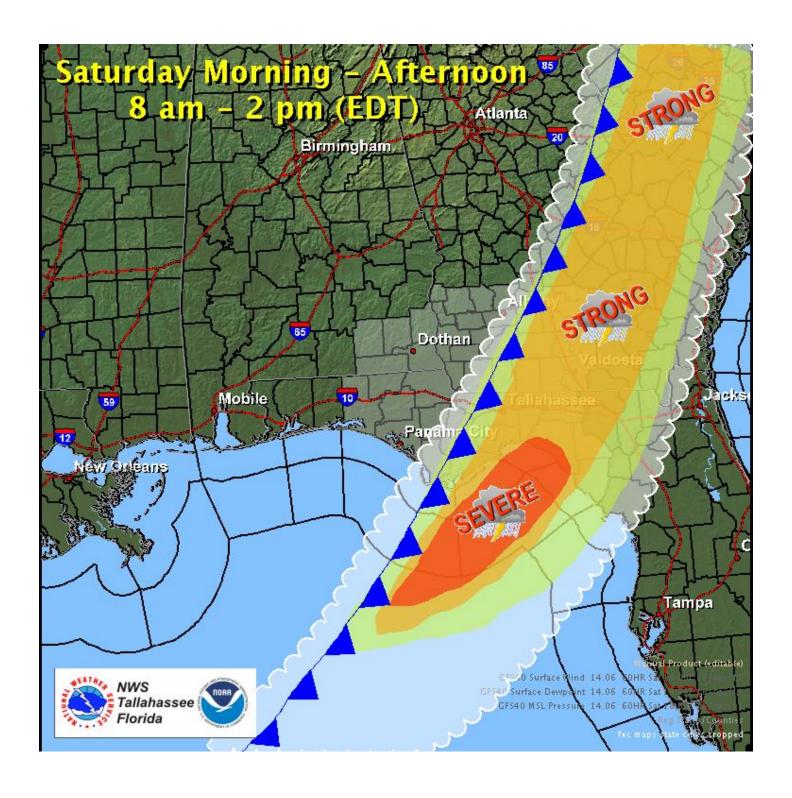
Timing:

The following images are based on the latest forecast models on this system. As a result, minor deviations to the timing are possible and these predictions will be further refined by today.



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Summary:

- Severe weather is possible tonight continuing into Saturday morning across the region.
- Tornadoes and damaging winds will be the primary threats with this system.
- The greatest severe potential is along and west of a line from Albany to Tallahassee.
- There is an enhanced risk of tornadoes for Southeast Alabama this evening.
- The severe weather probabilities are similar in magnitude to the recent April 5th severe weather event.

The National Weather Service in Tallahassee will continue to monitor this system closely today. If you have any questions, please give our office a call at 850-942-8833 or on our toll free line at 800-598-4562 and ask to speak to a meteorologist. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also reach us on our Southern Linc phone at 1*77*184.